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Reply To: 3460/3410

Date: January 3, 1994

Mr. James Young, Superintendent
Catoctin Mountain Park
USDI National Park Service
6602 Foxville Road
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Dear Mr. Young:

On December 6-8 and 10, 1993, USDI Park Service personnel and USDA Forest Service personnel conducted a gypsy moth egg mass survey at Catoctin Mountain Park. The purpose of this survey was to determine gypsy moth population densities and to assess the potential for defoliation and the need for treatment in 1994.

Egg masses were detected at only one of the 87 grid points surveyed (Figure 1). Egg mass densities ranged from 0-80 and averaged only one egg mass per acre. Since no noticeable defoliation is expected from this extremely low population level, treatment will not be necessary at Catoctin Mountain Park in 1994.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please call me at (304) 285-1555.

Sincerely,



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